

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of  
Section 63.71 Application of  
Aero Communications LLC  
for authority to discontinue  
retail residential services

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**SECTIONS 63.71 APPLICATION**

Aero Communications LLC ("Aero") hereby files this application to discontinue services pursuant to 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47CFR §63.71. Specifically, Aero is seeking to discontinue the provision of telephone and DSL service to residential customers in Kentucky and Illinois as of May 31, 2009. In support of this application, Aero submits the following:

**I. Description of Discontinuance**

**A. Name and Address of Carrier:**

Aero Communications LLC  
3901 Technology Dr.  
Paducah, KY 42001

**Address correspondence to:**

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Aero Communications LLC  
3901 Technology Dr.  
Paducah, KY 42001  
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**B Date of planned service discontinuance**

May 31. 2009

**C. Geographic areas of service affected**

Services to be discontinued are currently provided in Paducah, Kentucky and Metropolis, Illinois.

**D. Type of service affected.**

Aero provides flat rate local telephone service with unlimited calling to its local calling area, along with ancillary services including access to operator services, and Digital Subscriber Line Internet access.

**E. Date and method of notice to all customers.**

The attached letter was sent by first class mail to all affected customers in Kentucky and Illinois on or about March 11, 2009. The customer notice letters were prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

**F. Non-dominance of carrier with respect to the services to be discontinued**

Aero is non-dominant with respect to the services being discontinued.

**G. Service.**

In accordance with Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules, Aero has provided a copy of this application to each of the state regulatory commissions in Kentucky and Illinois, the governors of those states, and the Secretary of Defense.

**II. Circumstances of Discontinuance.**

Aero has evaluated its business options going forward and has determined that residential retail service is not consistent with its strategic interests. It intends to remain in operation with its business customers in several states, providing high-speed data services and business telephone service, and providing bulk telephone and data services to wholesale customers. Other LECs and broadband service providers continue to operate in the impacted areas. Only three affected retail customers are located in Illinois, the rest are in Kentucky, and we have referred them to a CLEC who continues to offer similar services at competitive prices in the same area. Aero's retail residential services are not unique and customers should have no difficulty finding replacement service.

**III. Conclusion**

Aero North believes that the proposed discontinuance of certain classes of service in the proposed states is reasonable and necessary, and that such discontinuance is not disruptive to the current or future public convenience and necessity. For the foregoing reasons, Aero North respectfully requests, pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, that the Commission permit Aero North to discontinue the provision of residential retail telephone and DSL service in Kentucky and Illinois.